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EXAMINER:

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A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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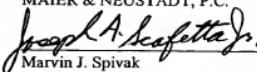
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO discloses a background technique related to an image forming apparatus which is a multi-function system in which the functions of the printer, the copier, the facsimile, etc. are installed.

Reference AO on Form 1449 is discussed in the specification.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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NC/	AO	2002-84383	03/22/2002	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			X
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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